

# **Exhibit 44**



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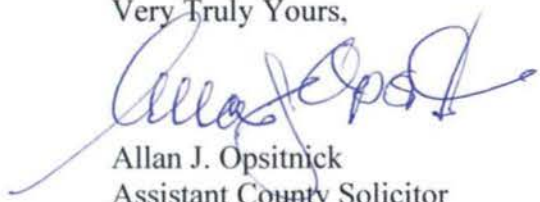
Re: Allegheny County Elections Recanvass

Dear Mr. Leib,

I received your letter of December 4<sup>th</sup> last evening. The response of Allegheny County is as follows:

1. On Friday Judge James ordered that the requested recanvass in fifty two election districts proceed. Mr. Wolosik described the mechanics of the recanvass while testifying on Friday. That process began at ten o'clock this morning and has been completed;
2. Judge James did not order any sort of forensics examination. You also confirmed that Mr. Wolosik testified in depth about the forensic measures that Allegheny County takes to ensure that its DRE machines function properly;
3. Neither of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court cases that you cite have any bearing on the instant situation.

Very Truly Yours,

  
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